

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
March 2, 2016, 7:30 pm Meeting MINUTES

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:37 pm with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2016 annual notice posted in the Borough Hall. Copies have been mailed to THE RECORD, NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS, and the NORTH JERSEY SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

Roll Call: Peter Ardito-present Cindy Kennedy-present
 MaryAnn Schran-pres. 7:55 Laura Fitzgerald-present
 Anne Lander-present Theresa Hazelton-present
 Joannie Turner-present

Minutes of February 3, 2016: Cindy moved to approve, second Anne. All in favor, Theresa abstained.

Guest: Boy Scout Peter Francis: Peter described the plans for his project: to add a substantial path in Beechwood Park and create a seating area with natural benches made from downed trees and indigenous bug-repellant plants (rosemary). He will check with DPW about wood chips and return when he has further information to share. The EC voted and decided to support the project.

Green Team Portion of Meeting: Maryann agreed to be the newsletter liaison. Carolyn Lee is now putting it together. The energy audit points will expire. We will be resplying for Bronze certification. For the 3/12 cleanup, Anne will pick up the materials. We will meet at George Street. Peter suggested fining the garbage hauler (as of next contract) if there is photographic evidence that hauler is picking up recycling as garbage. 4/23 will be shredding and hummus day. Joon reported that Suez is requiring backflow prevention on every meter. Work will be done probably late March. The EC will give money from the T-Mobile account for shrubbery to beautify.

ERI: Peter spoke to Mike Hakim who felt that it was understood that the map in question (outlining public/water company/private ownership of property in town) was not to be included. He felt that it was not made clear that this map was essential. It would cost \$1400. Mike would like to meet halfway so HP would pay

\$700. A vote was taken among the EC members as to whether 1) the map would be excluded from the ERI; 2) the EC/GT would pay \$700 to have it done; 3) have the map done as the EC originally understood without paying additional money. The EC unanimously voted for option 3, with Maryann noting that she was flexible (NB: the project was awarded to Mike Hakim on 6/8/15).

2016 Projects

Treasury Report: As of 3/1/16 per CFO

Green Team Trust 868.19
T-Mobile Tree 7594.51
Current Fund Budget 105.00
Bergen County Mini Grant: 900.00
Green Team 38.66 (from Last Year Budget)

Old Business: Maryann asked about the blinking light at the swim club and was informed that it is being left on for the winter as a deterrent to speeding.

New Business: Peter asked for support if he decides to apply for the ANJEC stewardship grant for bee hives at Columbus park. All in favor.

All agreed to use T Mobile funds to replace the dead trees on Highland Avenue.

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting 4/6/16: Maryann moved to adjourn, second Theresa. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at about 9:20 pm.